

James Madison to Thomas Jefferson, September 10, 1824. With Statistics & Copy. Transcription: The Writings of James Madison, ed. Gaillard Hunt. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1900-1910.

TO THOMAS JEFFERSON. MAD. MSS.

Montpellier, Septr. 10, 1824

Dear Sir On the rect. of yours of Aug. 8, I turned my thoughts to its request on the subject of a Theological Catalogue for the Library of the University; and not being aware that so early an answer was wished, as I now find was the case, I had proceeded very leisurely in noting such Authors as seemed proper for the collection. Supposing also, that altho' Theology was not to be taught in the University, its Library ought to contain pretty full information for such as might voluntarily seek it in that branch of Learning, I had contemplated as much of a comprehensive & systematic selection as my scanty materials admitted; and had gone thro' the five first Centuries of Xnity when yours of the 3d instant came to hand which was the evening before the last. This conveyed to me more distinctly the limited object your letter had in view, and relieved me from a task which I found extremely tedious; especially considering the intermixture of the doctrinal & controversial part of Divinity with the moral & metaphysical part, and the immense extent of the whole. I send you the list I had made out, with an addition on the same paper, of such Books as a hasty glance of a few catalogues & my recollection suggested.¹ Perhaps some of them may not have occurred to you and may suit the blank you have not filled. I am sorry I could not make a fair copy without failing to comply with the time pointed out.

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I find by a letter from Fayette, in answer to a few lines I wrote him on his arrival at N. Y., that he means to see us before the 19th of Oct., as you have probably learned from himself. His visit to the United States will make an annus mirabilis in the history of Liberty.

1 The list enclosed was as follows:

Centy.. I.

—Clemens Episte. to the Corinthians — published at Cambridge 1788.

Ignatius Epists—Amsterdam 1607.

Cotelier — Recuiel de Monumens des pères dans les tems apostoliques edit par le Cleve Amsterdam 1774, 2 v. fol.

Flavius Josephus [in English by Whiston] Amsterdam 1726, 2v. fol.

Philo Judaeus [Greek & Latin] English Edn. 1742, 2 v. fol.

Lucian's Works—Amsterdam 1743, 3 v. 4°.

Fabricius Biblio Græc:—Delectus &c. See Moshm. v. 1, p. 106

Cent: II

Justin Martyrs apolos, &c. [Edited by Prudent Maraud Benedictine] 1742, 1 v. fol.

Hermias—Oxford 1700 — 8°.

Athenagoras—Oxford 1706 — 8°.

Clemens Alexandrinus [Ed. by Potter] Oxford 1715 2 vol. fol.

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Tertullian—Venice 1746, 1 v. fol.,

Theophilus of Antioch [first adopted the term Trinity] — 1742 1 v. fol.

Irenaeus [Ed. by Grabe] 1702, 1 v. fol.

Tatian — agst. the Gentiles — Oxford, 1700, 8°.

Ammonius Saccas's Harmony of the Evangelists— Celsus [translated par Bouhereau]
Amsterdam 1700 4°.

Cent. III.

Minutius Felix [translated by Reeves] Leiden 1672, 8°.

Origen—4 vol. fol. Greek & Latin.

Cyprian—[translated into French by Lombert] 1 v. fol.

Gregory Thaumaturgus-Grec. & Lat. 1626, 1 v. fol.

Arnobius Africanus. Amsterdam 1651, 1 v. 4°.

Anatolius—Antwerp, 1634, 1 v. fol.

Methodius Ebulius — Rome 1656, 8°.

Philostratus' life of Apollonius Tyanaeus [Grec & Lat. with notes by Godefroy Olearius,
Leipsic, 1709, 1 v. fol: Frenched by De Vigenere, Englished in part by Chs. Blount.]

Cent: IV.

Lactantius.—Edit by Lenglet Paris 1748, 2 v. 4°.

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Eusebius of Cæsarea —

Athanasius, par Montfauçon 1698, 3 v. fol.

Antonius' [founder of the Monastic order] seven letters &c. Latin.

St. Cyril (of Jerusalem) Gr. & Lat. Paris 1720, 1 v. fol.

S. Hilary. Ed. by Massci Verona 1730.

Cent: IV.

Lucifer, Bishop of Cagliari. Paris 1586 1 v. 8°.

Epiphanius. Gr. & Lat. Edit Pere Petau, 1622, 2 v. fol.

Optatus. Ed. by Dupin. 1700. fol.

Pacianus. Paris, 1538. 4°.

Basil (B. of Cæsarea) Gr. & Lat. 1721. 3 v. fol.

Gregory (of Nazianzi) G. & L. Paris 1609–11 2 v. fol.

— (of Nyssa) 1615 2 v. fol.

Ambrosius—Paris 1600 2 v. fol.

Jerome.—Paris 1693–1706. 5 v. fol.

Ruffinus—Paris 1580—1 v. fol.

Augustin—1679–1700 8 v. fol.

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Chrysostom John Gr. & L.— 10 v. fol.

Ammianus Marcellinus

Julian's works

Cent: V.

Sulpicius Severus. Verona 1754, 2 v. 4°.

Isidorus (of Pelusium) Paris 1638. Gr. & L. 1 v. fol.

Cyril (of Alexa.) Gr. & L. 6 v. fol.

Orosius — Leyden. 1738. 4°.

Theodoret. Edit by Pere Simond. G. & L. 1642. 4 v. fol. in 1684. vol. V. by Garnier.

Philostorgius, by Godefroi. G. & L. 1642, 1 v. 4°.

Vincentius Lyrinensis. Rome. 4°.

Socrates' Eccles. History

Sozomen. do. do.

Leo (the great) by Quesnel Lyons. 1700. fol.

Æneas (of Gaza) Gr. with Latin version, by Barthius &c. 1655. 4°.

Miscellaneous

Thomas Aquinas [Dor. Angelicus] Head of the Thomists. 12 v. fol.

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The Koran, Duns Scotus [Doctor Subtilis] Head of the Scotists, 12 v. fol.

Caves Lives of the Fathers. Dailles Use & abuse of them.

Erasmus, Luther, Calvin, Socinus, Bellarmin, Chillingworth.

Council of Trent by F. Paul; by Palavicini; by Basnage.

Grotius on the truth of Xn Religion. Sherlock's [Bishop] Sermons.

Tillotsons &c. Tillemont, Baronius, Lardner, 1

1 With life by Kippis 1788.— *Madison's Note*.

Hookers Ecclesiastical Polity. Pierson on the Creed. Bossuet on 39 Articles. Pascal's lettres Provinciales. do

Penseès. Fenelon Bossuet

Bourdelon Sauvin Fletcher Manillon. Warburton's Divine Legation. Hannah Adams—View of all Religions

Stackhouses — Hist. of the Bible

Sr. Isaac Newtons works on Religious subjects.

Locke's do. Stillingfleets controversy with him on the possibility of endowing matter with thought.

Clarke on the Being & Attributes of God

—Sermons.

Butler's Analogy. Eight Sermons at Boyles. Lectures by Bentley

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Whitby on the 5 points.

Whiston's Theological Works.

Taylor (Jeremiah) Sermons.

John Taylor [of Norwich] agst original Sin Edward's in answer. Edward's on free will—on virtue.

Soame Jenyn's Enquiry into the nature & origin of evil

Liturgy for King's Chapel Boston.

Matheis Essays to do good. Price on Morals.

Wallaston's Religion of Nature delineated

Barclay's apology for Quakers. Wm. Penn's works

King's Enquiry into the Constitution discipline & worship of the Church, within 3 first cent.

King [Wm.] Essay on Origin of Evil; notes by Law. Wesley on Original Sin.

Priestley's & Horesley's controversies

Historical view of the Controversy on the intermediate state of the Soul by Dean Blackburne.

The Confessional by same.

Jone's method of settling the canonical Scripture of N. Testt.

Leibnitz on Goodness of God, liberty of man & origin of evil.

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Paley's Works. Warburton's principles of Nat. & Revd. Religion

Blairs Sermons. Buckmeisters (of Boston) do.

Necker's importance of Religion.

Latrobe's (Benjamin) Doctrine of the Moravians

Ray's wisdom of God in the Creation

Durham's Astrotheology.

Bibliotheca fratrum Polonorum 9 vol. fol.

The Catalogue of Eastburn & Co. New York, particularly the Theological part at the end, deserves attention. Some rare books are round in it, and might probably be bought at cheap prices.— *Mad. MSS.*